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SUBJECT: FY 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR INDONESIA

REF: A. STATE 41170 B. STATE 43000 C. STATE 44414

1. IN MARCH 1 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTEL-  
LIGENCE MAJOR GENERAL BENYAMIN MURDANI, AMBASSADOR OUTLINED DE-  
TAILS OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE (REF A),  
EMPHASIZING THAT REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR ONE-YEAR CONTINUATION  
OF GRANT ASSISTANCE AND FOR INCREASE IN FMS CREDIT LEVELS IS INDI-  
CATION OF NEW US ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE AND  
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. AT SAME TIME HE STRESSED THAT  
SOME OPPOSITION TO MILITARY AID EXISTS IN CONGRESS AND HE COULD NOT  
SAY FOR CERTAIN THAT CONGRESS WOULD APPROVE FIGURES AS PRESENTED.  
AMBASSADOR MADE SIMILAR POINTS IN LETTER TO MINDEF GENERAL  
PANGAGABEAN, WHO CURRENTLY TIED UP WITH COMMANDER'S MEETING BUT  
WHOM AMBASSADOR HOPES TO SEE EARLY NEXT WEEK. CHIEF DLG HAS  
APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 1978 ASSISTANCE  
LEVELS WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS TOMORROW (MARCH 5).

2. IN ACCORDANCE REF B, AMBASSADOR TOLD MURDANI THAT, ALTHOUGH  
ADMINISTRATION HAS INTENTION TO SEEK CONTINUATION IN FUTURE YEARS  
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OF FMS CREDITS, INDONESIANS SHOULD ADJUST THEIR PLANNING TO AN  
EARLY TERMINATION OF GRANT ASSISTANCE. AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO MAKE  
SAME POINT TO PANGGABEAN.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MURDANI'S QUESTION REGARDING WASHINGTON'S  
REACTION TO INDONESIA'S LATEST PROPOSALS FOR USE OF FMS CREDITS,  
AMBASSADOR STATED THAT SALE OF F-5-E OR T-34 AIRCRAFT SEEMED

AT PRESENT TO CAUSE LITTLE DIFFICULTY BUT THAT HELP IN ESTABLISHING M-16 RIFLE PRODUCTION FACILITY COULD AROUSE CONCERN OVER PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT USG'S POSITION ON INDONESIAN PROPOSAL WOULD BE CLEARER AFTER COMPLETION OF CURRENT REVIEW OF US ARMS POLICY.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH MURDANI AND IN LETTER TO PANGGABEAN, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT TERMS OF FMS CREDIT ARE STILL BEING CONSIDERED WITHIN USG AND THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF INDONESIA'S DESIRE FOR IMPROVEMENT.  
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